

NURSE PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sophia M. DiCaro

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Nurse Practice Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the requirements for a nursing education program to qualify as an approved education program;
- ▶ amends the division's rulemaking authority related to limited-time approved education programs; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-31b-601, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 262

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-31b-601** is amended to read:

58-31b-601. Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide



28 **training.**

29 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), to qualify as an approved education program
30 for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education
31 program shall be accredited by ~~[the:]~~ ~~Ĥ~~→ [a-programmatic] an ←~~Ĥ~~ accrediting body for nursing
31a education
32 that is approved by the United States Department of Education.

- 33 ~~[(a) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;]~~
- 34 ~~[(b) National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission; or]~~
- 35 ~~[(c) Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.]~~

36 (2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
37 division, in consultation with the board, may make rules establishing requirements for a
38 nursing education program to qualify for a limited time as an approved education program for
39 the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, ~~[prior to its obtaining an]~~ if
40 the program:

- 41 (a) is in the process of obtaining the accreditation described in Subsection (1)[:];
- 42 (b) has recently been denied accreditation after seeking to obtain the accreditation
43 described in Subsection (1); or
- 44 (c) has recently lost the accreditation described in Subsection (1).

45 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and
46 the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for
47 a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this
48 chapter as a medication aide certified.

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